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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 0865

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, SO, UR

SUBJECT: CBS VISIT TO BERBERA

REF: ADDIS 7218

1. IN CASE OF VISIT OF ARAB LEAGUE NEWS TEAM TO SOMALIA AND TO BERBERA (MOGADISCIO 777), SOMALI GOVT. OFFICIALS KEPT ARAB NEWSMEN AWAY FROM ARAB EMBASSIES IN MOGADISCIO UNTIL DAY PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE FROM SOMALIA. GSDR DID NOT RPT NOT WANT THEIR ARAB JOURNALIST GUESTS TO HAVE BENEFIT OF ANY COUNSEL FROM ARAB DIPLOMATS HERE PRIOR TO THEIR TRIP TO BERBERA.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT SAME SORT OF QUARANTINE MIGHT BE APPLIED TO EMBASSY BY GSDR DURING VISIT BY QUINT AND CBS NEWS TEAM. IF GSDR DOES MEET CBS NEWS TEAM AT AIRPORT TODAY JUNE 19, THEN WE BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO QUINT AND HIS GROUP UNTIL AFTER THEIR BERBERA TRIP -- IF THEN.

3. IF CBS GROUP IS HOUSED AS GUEST OF GSDR IN GOVT HOTEL (JUBA, RUGTA TALEH, ETC) THEN THEY SHOULD BE CAUTIONED THAT THEIR HOTELS ARE UNDER STRICT GOVT CONTROL AND THAT  
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NOT TO BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED. QUINT AND HIS TEAM SHOULD BE DISCREET AT ALL TIMES IN THEIR PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEY SHOULD KEEP ON THEIR PERSON ANY DOCUMENTS (PARA 3, REFTTEL) WHICH ARE TO BE USED AS AIDS IN THEIR BERBERA TOUR.

4. WE WILL HAVE EMBOFF AT AIRPORT TO MEET GROUP BUT IN EVEN GSDR OFFICIALS TURN OUT TO RECEIVE THEM, THEN IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT HE WILL MAKE CONTACT. IF GSDR CONSIDERS CBS TEAM GUESTS OF GSDR, THEN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL ALSO ATTEMPT CALL THE SHOTS -- AS THEY DID WITH ARAB NEWSMEN.

5. PLEASE PASS ABOVE INFO TO QUINT PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR MOGADISCIO JUNE 19.  
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